

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Prior to the title, please delete the following heading:

~~DESCRIPTION~~

Please add the following after the title, "METHOD FOR PROLIFERATING CARDIOMYOCYTES"

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/017274, filed on November 19, 2004, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-391708, filed on November 21, 2003 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-246533, filed on August 26, 2004, the disclosures of each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(i) Field of the Invention

Prior to paragraph [0002], please replace the heading as follows:

~~BACKGROUND ART~~

(ii) Description of the Related Art

Prior to paragraph [0017], please replace the heading as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

~~PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION~~

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Prior to paragraph [0018], please delete the following heading:

~~MEANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS~~

Prior to paragraph [0033], please delete the following heading:

~~ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION~~

Prior to paragraph [0036], please replace the following heading as follows:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Prior to paragraph [0137], please replace the following heading as follows:

~~INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY~~